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SUBJECT: MILITARY PROCUREMENT

1. IN CALL ON ME JUNE 25 AIR MARSHAL RUSMIN, INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO U.S., SAID HE HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY CHARGED IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO TWO DAYS BEFORE TO FOLLOW MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND PROCUREMENT IN UNITED STATES.

2. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE RUSMIN EXPLAINED THAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAD DURING FIRST FIVE-YEAR PLAN OF PRESENT REGIME CONSCIOUSLY HELD MILITARY EXPENDITURES TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM IN ORDER CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC STABILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT. NOW THAT INDONESIA HAS BENEFITED SOMEWHAT MORE FROM OIL REVENUES, PRESIDENT IN SECOND FIVE-YEAR PLAN WISHES TO IMPROVE CAPABILITIES OF ARMED FORCES AND PARTICULARLY NAVY AND AIR FORCE. PRESIDENT CONSIDERS THESE TWO SERVICES ARE CURRENTLY AT VERY LOW STATE OF READINESS AND EQUIPMENT. HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY ADDITIONAL VESSELS FOR NAVY AND AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS FOR AIR SEA RESCUE SERVICE.

3. PRESIDENT ALSO DESIRES STANDARDIZE PROCUREMENT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF NIGHTMARISH PROBLEMS INDONESIA HAS HAD OVER LAST TWO DECADES BECAUSE OF VARIETY OF

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EQUIPMENT SOURCES. HE WOULD LIKE DEPEND AS MUCH AS

POSSIBLE ON UNITED STATES AND HOPES FOR CONTINUATION
GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND EXTENSION OF CREDIT.

4. I BROUGHT AMBASSADOR RUSMIN UP TO DATE ON MAP PROGRAM
AND INTRODUCTION OF FMS CREDIT IN FY 74. STRESSING
LIMITATION OF CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORI-
ZATION FOR CREDIT, I SAID WE WOULD ALSO BE GLAD TO
FACILITATE DIRECT SALES. I MENTIONED THAT GENERAL
NICHOLAN HAD GOOD CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON AND THAT U.S.
OFFICIALS WOULD ASSIST AMBASSADOR IN BECOMING ACQUAINTED
WITH POSSIBILITIES. I AM ALSO ARRANGING FOR COLONEL
MCCUEN, DLG CHIEF, TO GIVE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE MORE
PRECISE BRIEFING ON MAP AND FMS PROGRAMS.

5. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE IN
WASHINGTON IN LATE AUGUST.
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